

2020 Vermont Angler Survey

WHAT IS THE ANGLER SURVEY? Every ten years the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department conducts an angler opinion survey to gauge angler satisfaction and understand angler attitudes on fishing issues. 2020 marked the fourth survey conducted in the last 30 years. This survey asked a random group of resident and nonresident anglers several questions related to their experiences and opinions about fishing in Vermont. These surveys provide valuable insight used by fisheries managers to inform decisions and track trends throughout the last three decades.

WHAT DID WE LEARN?

▶ **100,000+** resident and nonresident anglers are estimated to have fished for 2.1+ million days in 2019

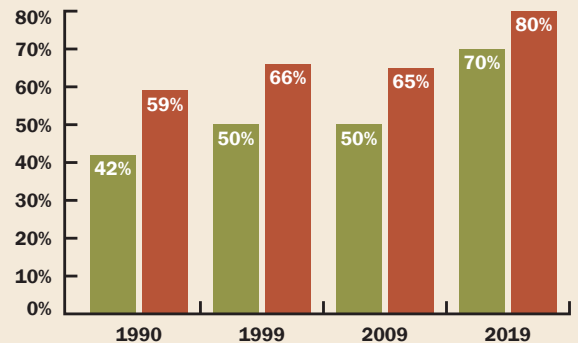
70%
of Vermont anglers
felt the fishing
quality was good or
excellent in 2019

(higher than in previous surveys)

Percentage of Anglers
Who Rate Vermont Fishing
as Good or Excellent

License Type

■ Residents
■ Nonresidents



The three most
preferred species
when fishing
open water:



#1 Brook Trout



#2 Largemouth Bass



#3 Smallmouth bass

The three most
preferred species
when **ice fishing:**



#1 Yellow Perch



#2 Northern Pike



#3 Lake Trout



Anglers spent more time fishing for brook, brown and rainbow trout than for any other species group.



Stocking programs continue to be important to a majority of anglers.



To see additional survey highlights or to read the full survey please visit:
vtfishandwildlife.com/statewide-angler-survey